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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

STEPHEN B. AUGER

Serial No.: 08/865,419

Art Unit: 1751

Filed: May 28, 1997

Examiner: C. Liott

For: MINERAL STAINS FOR WOOD AND OTHER SUBSTRATES

RESPONSE

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2000,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Kindly cancel non-elected claims 23, 25, 26 and 29 without  
prejudice.

OK. CD 2 7/28/00 Claim 30, line <sup>4</sup> 3, before "metal" insert --non-peroxide--.  
O.K. CD 2 7/28/00 Claim 31, line <sup>3</sup> 2, change "aqueous" to --additive--;  
O.K. CD 2 7/28/00 line <sup>4</sup> 2, after "thickener" delete one ",";  
O.K. CD 2 7/28/00 line <sup>8</sup> 1, delete "base".

Kindly rewrite the following claims in amended form:

1. (Amended) A kit for imparting a pre-determined color  
to a solid wood substrate, comprising:

(a) an aqueous solution of a first compound consisting of a

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